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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)

(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

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ATTENTION: EO/US

NOTE: The completion of those filing requirements that can be made at a time later than 30 months from the priority date results from the Commissioner exercising his judgment under the authority granted under 35 USC 371(d). The filing

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10*

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date May 7, 2001, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label Number <u>EL728212738US</u>, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Signature of person mailing paper

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receipt will show the actual date of receipt of the last item completing the entry into the national phase. See 37 C.F.R. §1.491 which states: "An international application enters the national state when the applicant has filed the documents and fees required by 35 USC 371(c) within the periods set forth in § 1.494 and § 1.495."

WARNING:

Where the items are those which can be submitted to complete the entry of the international application into the national phase are subsequent to 30 months from the priority date the application is still considered to be in the international state and if mailing procedures are utilized to obtain a date the express mail procedure of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 must be used (since international application papers are not covered by an ordinary certificate of mailing - See 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

NOTE: Documents and fees must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national state under 35 USC 371 otherwise the submission will be considered as being made under 35 USC 111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.494(f).

- 1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371:
 - This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
 - b. [X] The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

2.Fees

CLAIMS. FEE	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULA- TIONS
[1]*	TOTAL CLAIMS	15 - 20 =		x \$18.00 =	\$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =		x \$80.00 =	
	MULTIPLE DEPE	NDENT CLAIM(S) (i	f applicable) + \$270.0	0	
BASIC FEE**	[] U.S. PTO AUTHO Where ar 1.482 has [] [] [] [] [] [[X] Where no in § 1.48	D WAS INTERNATIO RITY International prelimins been paid on the international prelimins been paid on the international properties of the criteria of novelty, industrial activity, as observed been satisfied for all the entering the national sand the above requires and the above requires of the NATION AUTHORITY of international preliming the properties of the same paid to the same paid (37 CFI has not been paid (37 where a search report prepared by the Europers and the international preliming the same paid (37 CFI has not been paid (37 where a search report prepared by the Europers and the international preliming the same paid (37 CFI has not been paid (37 where a search report prepared by the Europers and the international preliming the same paid (37 cFI has not been paid (37 where a search report prepared by the Europers and the international preliming the paid (37 cFI has not been paid (37 cFI has not been paid (37 cFI has not been paid (37 where a search report prepared by the Europers and the international preliming the paid (37 cFI has not been paid (37 cFI has not	international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § een paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: and the international preliminary examination report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and adustrial activity, as defined in PCT Article 33(2) to (4) have een satisfied for all the claims presented in the application and the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(a)(4)) \$100.00 and the above requirements are not met (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1))		
			Total of a	bove Calculations	1000.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by ½ for (note 37 CFR 1.9,	filing by small entity, 1.27, 1.28)	if applicable. Affidavi	t must be filed.	-500.00
				Subtotal	500.00
				Total National Fee	\$ 500.00
		he enclosed assignment v). See attached "ASSIO			
TOTAL			Т	otal Fees enclosed	\$500.00

^{*}See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

	i.	[x]	A check in the amount of $$500.00$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.			
	ii.	[]	Please charge Account No in the amount of \$			
		A du	plicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
**WAR	Tr		"To avoid abandonment of the application the applicant shall furnish to the United States Patent and Trademark Office not later than the expiration of 30 months from the priority date: * * * (2) the basic national fee (see § 1.492(a)). The 30-month time limit may not be extended." 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(b).			
WARNI	ING:	submit met wi forth in months accept comply	ranslation of the international application and/or the oath or declaration have not been ted by the applicant within thirty (30) months from the priority date, such requirements may be thin a time period set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. \S 1.495(b)(2). The payment of the surcharge set in \S 1.492(e) is required as a condition for accepting the oath or declaration later than thirty (30) is after the priority date. The payment of the processing fee set forth in \S 1.492(f) is required for ance of an English translation later than thirty (30) months after the priority date. Failure to with these requirements will result in abandonment of the application. The provisions of \S 1.130 to the period which is set. Notice of Jan. 3, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40.			
3.	[x]	A cop	by of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):			
NOTE:	must b Bureau 20. At accord the con norma basic n	e filed with u normally the same t dance with mmunicati lly need or) was amended to require that the basic national fee and a copy of the international application he the Office by 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment "The International provides the copy of the international application to the Office in accordance with PCT Article lime, the International Bureau notifies applicant of the communication to the Office. In PCT Rule 47.1, that notice shall be accepted by all designated offices as conclusive evidence that on has duly taken place. Thus, if the applicant desires to enter the national stage, the applicant only check to be sure the notice from the International Bureau has been received and then pay the e by 30 months from the priority date." Notice of Jan. 7, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40, at 35-36. See			
	a.	[]	is transmitted herewith.			
	b.	[]	is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.			
	c.	[x]	has been transmitted			
		i.	[x] by the International Bureau.			
		••	Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): 2 JUNE 2000.			
		ii.	[] by applicant on Date			
4.	[x]	A trai	nslation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C.			
	a.	[x]	is transmitted herewith.			
	b.	[]	is not required as the application was filed in English.			
	c.	[]	was previously transmitted by applicant on			
	d.	[]	will follow.			

5.	[x]	U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):		
NOTE:	The Notice of January 7, 1993 points out that 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(a) was amended to clarify the existing and continuing practice that PCT Article 19 amendments must be submitted by 30 months from the priority date ar this deadline may not be extended. The Notice further advises that: "The failure to do so will not result in loss the subject matter of the PCT Article 19 amendments. Applicant may submit that subject matter in a prelimina amendment filed under section 1.121. In many cases, filing an amendment under section 1.121 is preferable si grammatical or idiomatic errors may be corrected." 1147 O.G. 29-40, at 36.			
	a. b.	[] are transmitted herewith. [] have been transmitted i. [] by the International Bureau. Date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/IB/308): ii. [] by applicant on		
	c.,	[x] have not been transmitted as i. [x] applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19. Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 14 MARCH 2000. ii. [] the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.		
6.	[x] a. b. c.	A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)): [] is transmitted herewith. [] is not required as the amendments were made in the English language. [x] has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.		
7.	[x]	A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) [x] is transmitted herewith. [] is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.		
8.	[x] a b.	Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report [x] is/are transmitted herewith. [] is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.		
9.	[x] a. b.	A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report [x] is transmitted herewith. [] is not required as the annexes are in the English language.		

10.	[x]	An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. 115
	a.	[] was previously submitted by applicant on
•		Date
	b.	[] is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration
		i. [] is attached to the application.
		ii. [] identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19
		that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and
		states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37
		C.F.R. 1.70.
	C.	[x] will follow.
Other	docum	ent(s) or information included:
1.	[x]	An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article
		17(2)(a): [] is transmitted herewith.
	a. b.	[x] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
	υ.	Date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308): 2 JUNE 2000.
	c.	is not required, as the application was searched by the United States
	C.	International Searching Authority.
	d.	[] will be transmitted promptly upon request.
	e.	has been submitted by applicant on
	С.	Date
2.	f 1	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98:
	a.	[] is transmitted herewith.
		Also transmitted herewith is/are:
		[] Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B).
		[] Copies of citations listed.
	b.	[] will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of
		requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).
	c.	[] was previously submitted by applicant on
		Date
3.	[]	An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.
	A sep	parate [] "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING
	NEW	PATENT APPLICATION" or [] FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

14.	[x] a.	Additional documents: [] Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
	а. b.	[x] International Publication No. WO 00/31135
		i. [x] Specification, claims and drawing
	c.	ii. [] Front page only [] Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
	d.	[x] Other
	•	28 PAGES OF DRAWINGS; FORM PCT/IPEA/401; FORM PCT/IPEA/408 FORM PCT/IPEA/409; FORM PCT/IPEA/416; REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION
15.	[x]	The above checked items are being transmitted
	a. b.	[x] before 30 months from any claimed priority date.[] after 30 months.
16.	[]	Certain requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 were previously submitted by the applicant on
		, namely:
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		AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES
WARNI	NG:	Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.
NOTE:	reply, re incorpor required an exten paragra construc	en request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future quiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as rating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for sion of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this ph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a stive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time is paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).
NOTE:	nor will	ts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if d, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).
	[X]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 12-0425
		[X] 37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)
WARNI	NG:	Because failure to pay the national fee within 30 months without extension (37 C.F.R. § $1.495(b)(2)$) results in abandonment of the application, it would be best to always check the above box.
		i 37 C.F.R. 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
NOTE:	Because	additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must

only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possible when dealing with amendments after final action.

- [X]37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)
- [X]37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).
- 37 C.F.R. 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, [X]pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b))

Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice NOTE: of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

> 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 30 months after the priority date).

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